

DIARY NOTES

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23 September 1955

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2. Mr. Pforzheimer was in to discuss legislation for the building with me. I said that I thought we could be ready to make a presentation to Congress by the first of April. We discussed the pros and cons of having our request in the [REDACTED] Bill, which would, of course, be a supplemental budget item. We thought that if we could get ready in time, it would be advantageous to try to [REDACTED] since a supplemental budget will be later in the Congressional year and by that time the boys will really have their knives out. Walter also left with me a list of questions which the Senate Appropriations Committee had raised in the Air Force Academy Hearings. These should be useful in our own preparation.

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3. Met with Mr. [REDACTED] to discuss future planning for the building. I agreed that we should have a full-time Planning Staff to work on this matter. I asked them to prepare an oral presentation for the Steering Committee, to be made shortly after I return from the West Coast. I also advised them that I thought it essential that the full-time Planning Staff be separated from the Real Estate & Construction Division, and that I was inclined to believe that it should be separated from the Office of Logistics, but that I would want to discuss this with Mr. Garrison before making such a group responsible to the Deputy Director (Support).

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4. Mr. John Kennedy of the White House Staff called to find out if we had any information on a Mr. George Haig. [REDACTED] checked on this and advised me we had no record of Mr. Haig and I so informed Mr. Kennedy.

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5. Mr. [REDACTED] advised me that the PCG was going to be dissolved and that Nelson Rockefeller was going to assume a role somewhat similar to that which C. D. Jackson formerly played on the President's Staff. The question of what will happen to the PCG Staff has not been decided, but in any case [REDACTED] will be released to the Agency. In Harry Reynolds' absence I asked [REDACTED] to study this problem and give me recommendations by tomorrow morning which I could communicate to the Director.

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6. General Cabell telephoned to request that I make sure it was wise to [redacted] I told him this had been before the Survey Board and considered for more than a year and that I would double check on it and advise him.

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8. [redacted] called to request permission to publish a new "Monthly Personnel Letter." He assured me that it had been gone over most carefully and he thought it was very good. I authorized him to publish it but cautioned him again to control his distribution.

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9. I have discussed with Mr. Dulles and General Cabell the proposed trip of Gates Lloyd and Ed Saunders to the Far East, beginning on or about 15 October. They have both approved of the trip. I have advised Ken [redacted] of this and have also told him that I thought it would be highly advisable for him to make a trip to Europe at an early date. This should be some time after [redacted] returns from his upcoming trip with General Cabell.

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10. At this morning's Deputies Meeting Mr. Dulles expressed an off-the-cuff opinion that many of our field stations would benefit by receiving [redacted] on a regular basis. I asked Mr. Wisner and Mr. Kent, who was acting for Mr. Amory, to study this matter and see what could be worked out. I was asked to insure that costs were considered.

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11. Ed Saunders believes that administrative personnel selected for [redacted] project should come before the Administrative Career Board. Will have to explore this.

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12. [redacted] and I briefed General Cabell on the [redacted] problem, and he is satisfied that our performance was not bad, and inasmuch as the Office of Logistics has been in touch with [redacted] and he will be paid almost everything we owe him without delay, General Cabell does not propose to return his telephone call.

13. Conducted a meeting with [redacted] and representatives of the Comptroller's Office, the Office of Logistics and the FE Division, to [redacted]

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them, it was proposed to make doors in the partitions between 2-bedroom duplex sets of quarters. This means that it would be possible to use these 12 units either as 12 4-bedroom houses, 24 2-bedroom houses, or any combination thereof. It was indicated that these modifications could be made for not more than about \$7,000.00, and that we would effect a net saving of about \$200,000 by this action. It was the consensus of opinion that we definitely should take this action, the only reservation being that we might be subject to criticism for using as a 4-bedroom unit, one which had two kitchens, two dining rooms, etc. I pointed out that we should record that in taking this action we save the Government \$200,000 and that I thought this was a perfectly justifiable position. I therefore directed that this action be taken. At the same time we considered a

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families living upstairs. No one thought this was a good idea, and I disapproved of this suggestion.

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14. Dick Bissell telephoned me for my frank opinion on the relative competence of [ ] to fill a logistics type position in his project. I told him I thought any one of them could do the job. I said I thought [ ] was technically best qualified but had some difficulty getting along with people. [ ] is perhaps not as well qualified technically but would have no difficulty in that regard.

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[ ] while not as experienced as either of the others, is younger and 25X1 I would have no hesitancy in recommending him.

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outstanding young man, aged 30 or 31, and might be useful in the DD/S set-up. I encouraged Dick to talk to him, and said I would be glad to see him at any time.

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16. Mr. Dulles, in connection with the [ ] matter, requested that we explore the possibility of having an American man-of-war stand by. I believe he is thinking primarily of the psychological effect [ ] but also of the possibility of using it for evacuation purposes. General Cabell and [ ] are exploring this.

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17. Talked to [ ] He says he has two good candidates for an assistant in his office - one, an older man who wants to leave a good New York law firm, and another, a young but very bright accountant. I told him I could not advise him as to which way to move without seeing the papers or interviewing them, but would like his recommendation. I agreed that he should have an assistant. I also told George that I would like to get a paper up some time next week on what we were going to do about [ ] (I have also mentioned this to Mr. Houston.) About \$2,000,000 a year is being spent on this, and I think we can save most, if not all, of this amount. George also reported that our latest profit and loss statement showed a profit of \$225,000 for the last quarter. I asked him to be sure that I received a note on significant developments of this kind so that I could pass them on to the Director.

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18. [ ] had mentioned that [ ] appealed to him for a strong general support man for the PP Staff. Since they have heavy emphasis on personnel problems, he is considering [ ] I told him this was O.K.